

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Dawson (Reg. No. 39,504) on May 1, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy including the following steps:
 - receiving the prescription order;
 - tagging the prescription order with a wireless tag that travels with the prescription order thorough the pharmacy, said tag having a worker signaling device ~~thereon~~operably secured thereto and in communication with a central pharmacy computer system, said computer system correlating said prescription order with said tag;
 - establishing a timing element in communication with said computer system, said timing element timing an event related to a status of said prescription order and used by the computer system to detect a predetermined criteria of said status; and,
 - activating the worker signaling device to alert a pharmacy worker ~~in response to a when said predetermined criteria is detected~~ by said computer system.
2. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said tagging the prescription order with a wireless tag step includes the tag having a plurality of worker signaling devices ~~thereon~~operably secured thereto, each device being activated to alert a pharmacy worker to a different status of the prescription order.
3. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said worker signaling device is a transducer ~~on~~ operably secured to the tag.
4. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 3, wherein said transducer is a light.
5. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 3, wherein said transducer is an audio speaker.
6. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 3, further including a plurality of transducers, and wherein each transducer of the plurality of transducers is independently operable to denote a different status of the prescription order.

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7. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 6, wherein said plurality of transducers includes lights and at least one audio-speaker.

8. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 6, wherein said plurality of transducers includes a plurality of lights, each light having a different color.

9. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said activating the worker signaling device step includes wirelessly transmitting a command signal from a transmitter operably secured to the computer system to a receiver ~~on~~ operably secured to the tag.

10. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said activating the worker signaling device step includes wirelessly transmitting a command signal from a tag reader operably secured to a computer system to a receiver ~~on~~ operably secured to the tag, and further including the step of:

automatically tracking said tag in the pharmacy based on the proximity of the tag ~~transceiver~~ to the tag reader.

11. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 10, wherein said tag is an RFID tag with a transducer ~~thereon~~ operably secured thereto.

12. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 10, wherein further including the step of:

displaying the location of the tag on a computer display of the computer system.

13. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, ~~further including the step of:~~

~~timing an event related to filling the prescription order to track an order status; and,~~
wherein said predetermined criteria includes using the timing element to determine how long said prescription order has remained at a defined location within said pharmacy. activating the worker signaling device to alert a worker step includes activating the worker signaling device in response to a predefined criteria related to the order status.

14. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein said ~~timing an event related to filling the prescription order step~~ timing element includes a timer internal to the tag.

15. (Currently amended) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein said ~~timing an event related to filling the prescription order step~~ includes a timing element resides in a computer system that is wirelessly connected to the tag.

16. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said activating the worker signaling device to alert a pharmacy worker step is initiated by a pharmacy worker using a computer system wirelessly connected to the tag.

17. (original) The method for identifying a prescription order in a pharmacy of claim 1, wherein said activating the worker signaling device to alert a pharmacy worker step is automatically initiated by a computer system wirelessly connected to the tag in response to a predefined criteria.

Claims 18-20 have been cancelled.

Figures 3 and 7 contain typos. Revised copies to be submitted by Applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elaine Gort whose telephone number is 571/272-6781. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Gart can be reached on 571/272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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